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SUBJECT: CANADA ASSIGNS DESTROYERS TO FISHERIES DUTIES AS
DEFENSE DEBATE SIMMERS

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT GOC HAS ASSIGNED
CANADA'S TWELVE DESTROYERS IN ATLANTIC TO FISHERIES
PATROL DUTY. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN PRESS ITEM
DATELINED HALIFAX, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT "ALL
TWELVE CANADIAN DESTROYERS STATIONED ON THE ATLANTIC
COAST HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AS FISHERIES INSPECTION
VESSELS AND IN FUTURE WILL MAKE UNANNOUNCED PATROLS
IN AREAS OF BUILD-UPS OF FOREIGN FISHING FLEETS."

APPARENTLY, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES

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(ICANAF) HAVE APPROVED THE DESIGNATIONS AND MEMBER

COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

2. CANADA WILL APPOINT FISHERIES OFFICERS, DESIGNATED AS INSPECTORS, TO SERVE ON BOARD THE VESSELS SO THAT THEY "CAN CARRY OUT BOARDINGS OF FOREIGN VESSELS". WHILE IT IS REPORTED AS UNLIKELY THAT ALL TWELVE VESSELS WILL BE USED AT THE SAME TIME, AS MANY AS SIX COULD BE ASSIGNED TO SUCH DUTIES SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, ICELAND AND THE US HAVE ALSO USED WARSHIPS FOR FISHERIES PROTECTION.

3. MEANWHILE, CANADA'S DEFENSE DEBATE CONTINUES TO SIMMER AS ITEMS OF INTEREST GRADUALLY EMERGE FROM CABINET (USNATO 6893), ALTHOUGH IT STILL IS UNCLEAR HOW GOC WILL ALLOCATE RESOURCES WITHIN MILITARY AND WHAT EQUIPMENT IT WILL PURCHASE OR MODERNIZE. PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT WHILE DEFENSE CRITICS MAY BE MOLLIFIED BY STATEMENTS THAT GOC DEFENSE BUDGET WILL GO UP 11.2 PERCENT NEXT FISCAL YEAR, THIS INCREASE IS DECIDEDLY LESS THAN THAT GIVEN SOME OTHER ITEMS IN CANADIAN BUDGET WHICH ON AVERAGE HAVE GONE UP 15 TO 30 PERCENT. SO RELATIVELY, DEFENSE CONTINUES TO BE TREATED AS POOR RELATIVE.
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